

constructions have been on the rise in Delhi and other metropolitan cities during the last few years. In Delhi, a special drive has been launched to cheek these illegal constructions. The Ministry of Urban Development is impressing upon the local authorities to ensure full compliance of building bye-laws and planning norms set out-in the Delhi Master Plan. It is also monitoring the results of the drive. In some cases, blatant illegal construction in connivance with the local officials has been noticed. The CBI has been asked to enquire into these cases.

In respect of other metropolitan cities, action has to be taken by the local bodies concerned/State Governments. No precise information is available in this regard. However, in the meeting of State Ministers for Urban Development and Local Self Government, convened by the Union Urban Development Minister on January 17, 2000, the rising menace of land and building 'mafia' in the metropolitan cities of the States was specifically brought to the notice of the State Governments and they were advised to take firm action against the illegal builders and ensure full compliance of building by-laws and planning norms and regulations.

Schemes under Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme in Assam

150. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

- (a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes in the State of Assam under Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme formulated and implemented during the last three years;
- (b) the total budget allocated for the same during this period; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) was launched with effect from 01.12.1997 on all India basis, including the State of Assam, for the benefit of urban poor. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or

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provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. This programme targets the urban poor who have read upto 9th class and are living below the poverty line, as defined from time to time. This programme is funded on 75:25 basis between the Centre and the States.

(b) The details of Central funds released under the scheme in favour of the Government of Assam during the last three years are as follows:—

| (Rs in Lakhs) | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | Total (1997-2000) |
| 540.38 | 823.08 | 191.07 | 1554.53 |

(c) Guidelines have been issued to all the States / UTs for the effective implementation of the scheme. Government is monitoring the scheme through the quarterly progress reports and through regular review meetings at the level of Minister/secretary with Secretaries of States / UTs.

Representations Regarding Shifting of Garages by the Residents of Mayur Vihar

151. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that DDA has constructed houses in many colonies in an unplanned manner;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a large number of ground floor residents of Pocket-1, Phase-1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi, have been discriminated by D.D.A. by constructing garages in their backyard giving them practically a much smaller courtyard compared to their immediate neighbours where garages have not been constructed;

(c) whether Government have received any representations in this regard for shifting of these garages;

(d) if so, the action taken on these representations; and